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In re patent application of:  
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METHOD INVOLVING  
RESERVING VEHICLES WITH  
HIGHEST STATES OF CHARGE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the captioned United States patent application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)(1)(i) kindly amend the application as follows:

In The Specification

ns In the specification on page 6, line 20, after "needs.", please  
insert the following: --The present method for determining SOC is disclosed

in United States patent 5,614,804, which is incorporated by reference herein.

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